

Remarks

Claims 1-16 are presently pending. Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 102(e). Claims 13-16 are added. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 7 are amended to recite, among other limitations, “wherein said coding context indicates a probability for a plurality of possible symbols”. Although Examiner has indicated that Yoshimura discloses “using the common coding context to process the second subset of encoded symbols (fig. 3 and 10, the use of binary code is the common context used to process the encoded symbols)”, Office Action at 3, Yoshimura does not teach or fairly suggest “wherein said coding context indicates a probability for a plurality of possible symbols”. In particular, “the use of binary code” as identified by Examiner does not “indicate[s] a probability for a plurality of possible symbols”. Accordingly, Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejection to claims 1 and 7, as well as to dependent claims 2-6, and 8-12.

Additionally, Assignee has added claims 13-16. Claims 13 and 15 recite, among other limitations, “wherein the coding context indicates a most probable symbol”. Claims 14 and 16 recite, among other limitations, wherein the coding context indicates a less probable symbol”. It is respectfully submitted that Yoshimura does not teach or suggest the foregoing limitations. Accordingly, Assignee respectfully submits that claims 13-16 are now allowable.

For at least the foregoing reasons, each of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees for actions requested herein to account no. 13-0017.

Respectfully Submitted



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